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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/674,601	DOMRES ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Charlie Peng	2883	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed on 30 September 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-38.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/674,601.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>09/30/03, 03/14/05</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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Brian Healy
Primary Examiner

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 5 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The applicant claims a stepped glass optical fiber having a large numerical aperture made of multiple components with different core and cladding compositions. The core and cladding compositions disclose both component (SiO_2 , ZnO , PbO , etc.) and percentage weight ranges. U.S. Patent 4,573,762 to Joormann et al. teaches optical fibers with large numerical apertures formed from multicomponent glasses. However, the closest composition used to create an optical fiber taught by Joormann was Example 3, but it does not meet a PbO requirement in the core (none), a SiO_2 requirement in cladding (56.5% by weight), or a numerical aperture requirement of the optical fiber (0.40). The examiner finds no obvious motivation to combine other prior art in order to meet all three of these requirements. It is thus the examiner's opinion that the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claim.

Claims 2-4 and 6-38 are allowed by virtue of being dependent upon the allowed independent claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. PGPub 2004/0109225 to Hu et al.;

U.S. PGPub 2003/0072554 to Dohmen et al.

U.S. PGPub 2002/0192421 to Jennings et al.;

U.S. Patent 5,034,354 to Fine;

U.S. Patent 4,871,230 to Yamashita et al.;

U.S. Patent 4,453,962 to Harada et al.;

U.S. Patent 4,277,270 to Krohn;

U.S. Patent 4,264,131 to Sawamura et al.

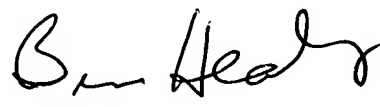
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charlie Peng whose telephone number is (571) 272-2177. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 am - 6 pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank Font can be reached on (571) 272-2415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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